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### DESCRIPTION

Of the Magnificent

#### HOUSE and GARDENS

Of the RIGHT HONOURABLE

## R I C H A R D, EARL TEMPLE,

Viscount and Baron COBHAM.

One of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter.

Embellished with a General Plan of the Gardens, and also a separate Plan of each Building, with Perspective Views of the same.

#### A NEW EDITION,

With all the Alterations and Improvements that have been made therein, to the present Time.

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Drawn in Perspective by B. SEELEY.

### A PLAN of Earl TEMPLE'S House and Gardens.

One of the Pavilions at the En-1 The Witch House. trance. The Temple of Modern Virtue. The Hermitage. The Temple of Ancient Virtue. The Shell Bridge. An artificial Piece of Ruins, The Temple dedicated to Venus. The Temple of British Worthies. An Egyptian Pyramid. A Gate-way, by Leoni. .. The Cold Bath. The Fane of Diana. Two Pavilions at the Entrance The Grotto. to the Park. The Temple of Concord and St. Augustine's Cave. Victory. The Temple of Bacchus. Capt. Grenville's Monument. Coucher's Obelifk. The Lady's Temple. Nelson's Seat. The Keeper's Lodge in the The South Front of the House. An Equelirian Statue of George I. Lord Cobham's Monument. Dido's Cave. The Gothic Temple. The Rotundo. The Palladian Bridge. King George II. 3 on Columns. The Temple of Friendship. The Pebble Alcove. Queen Caroline, A Gate-way, by Kent. Congreve's Monument.

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The Defcription of the House and Gardens without the Plans and Views of the Temples, Price Pitto—with the Plans and Views bound 4 0



One of the Pavilions at the Entrance.



The Hermitage.



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Lord Lievtenant and Custos (hotalerum of the County of Bucks,

### Knight of the most Noble

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And One of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council :

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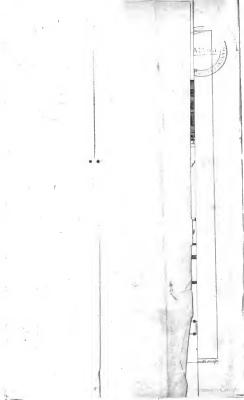
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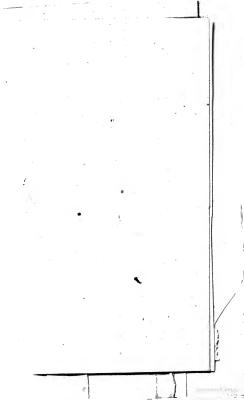
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## DESCRIPTION

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## HOUSE.



Y a noble Flight of Steps, defigned by Signor Bormo, ornamented with Stone Ballustrades, you afcend to a grand Apartment, called

#### The Saloon,

43 Feet by 22 Feet.

It is hung with fine Tapestry, representing the Functions of the Cavalry, with Crimson Case Chairs and Settres.

The Paintings are,

- 1. A Landschape.
- 2. A Flower-Piece.
- 3. A Fruit-Piece.

A great French Cabinet, ornamented with fine China Jars, and three Marble Busts over the Chimney.

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#### The Hall.

26 Feet by 22 Feet 9 Inches; defigned and painted by Kent.

The Cieling is finely adorned with the Signs of the Zodiac.

Over the Chimney, is a very curious Piece of Alt-Relief: The Story is Darius's Tent.

The Statue of a Narcillus.

Eleven Marble Bufts.

The Walls are adorned with Ornaments of Feftoons, &c.

Two Marble Tables of oriental Alabaster.

The Dining Room.

30 Feet by 21 Feet.

The Paintings are, Two large Landschapes, by Horozonti. Two fmall ditto, by Loton.

#### Over the Chimney.

A Picture of a Dancing at the Marriage of the Duke of Mantua, by Tintoretto.

A small Landschape of Acis and Galatea, by Millè. A Landschape, by Claude Lorain.

A large Picture of young Bacchanals.\*

A Sea-port, by a Flemish Master.

A Landschape, with Figures and Cattle, by Bassan.

A Landschape, with a Mill. Vulcan and Venus, by Primaticio.

The Marriage at Cana, by Bassan. Moses burying the Egyptian, by Poussin.

A Spanish Landschape.

A Piece of Ruins, by Viviano.

#### A Dreffing-Room.

Prince Henry at full Length over the Chimney.

A fine Cabinet with old China Jars upon it.

#### A Bed-Chamber,

With a rich Crimson Casoy Bed and Furniture.

A Portrait of a late Countess of Dorset at full Length, over the Chimney.

#### A Dreffing-Room.

A Piece of still Life over the Chimney.

A Head over one Door.——Four fighting Cupids over the other Door.

The Hangings and Furniture of the above three Rooms are of Crimfon Cafoy.

#### The Grand Stair-Case,

Ornamented with Iron Work.

Three Cieling-Pieces, painted by Sclater, viz.

- Juffice and Peace.
   Fame and Victory.
- 3. Plenty and Constancy.
- The Walls are adorned with warlike Pieces,

#### The Stone Stair-Case,

With Iron Ballusters; the Walls ornamented with Medallions.—Leading into a private Apartment; below Stairs,

A Billiard-Room.

A Parlour.

A Breakfasting-Room, and

A Waiting-Room.

Second

Second and third Pair of Stairs, a Number of Bedchambers, and two Dreffing-Rooms to each Bedchamber.

#### The Chapel,

37 Feet by 20 Feet 10 Inches, and 26 Feet high, Wainscoted with Cedar, with a Gallery of the same, hung with Crimion Velvet, under which are Seats for the Servants.

Over the Communion Table is a fine Painting of . the Refurrection, by Tintoretto, and over that is the King's Arms finely carved and ornamented.

Above the Cedar Wainfcot, are the following Paintings at full length:

Moses and Aaron.

Two of the Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul. The four Evangelists.

There are three other Paintings, viz.

1. The Afcention.

2. Baptism.

3. The Salutation of the Virgin Mary.

The Cieling is the fame as at the Chapel Royal at St. James's, and the Cedar Wainscot enriched with elegant Carving, by Gybbons.

### Her Ladythip's Dreffing-Room,

With Hangings, Chairs, and Window-Curtains, of fine printed Cotton.

A fine old Japan Cabinet, ornamented with China Jars.

A fine View of Pekin, over the Chimney-Piece, by Iôlli. The

which is and The Bedchamber,

With Hangings, Chairs, and Window-Curtains of the same.

A Picture of a Chinese Temple over the Chimney, by Iölli.

#### A Chinese Closet,

Or a Repository of her Ladyship's valuable China.

The Japan and Ornaments were a Prefent of the late Prince and Prince's of Wales.—From this Closet you enter a Colonade, ornamented with Paintings, by Sclater.

It is likewife curioufly embellished with Exoticks

and flowering Shrubs.

#### The GRENVILLE Room,

29 Feet 8 Inches, by 26 Feet 3 Inches, and 19 Feet
4 Inches high,

Hung with green Velvet, and ornamented with the following Portraits, all at full Length, except the first:

Over the Chimney,

r. The late Countess Temple, Mother to the prefent Earl.

On her Right Hand,

2. The present Countess Temple,

On her Left,

3. The present Earl Temple.

4. The Right Honourable George Grenville, first Lord of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

5. The Right Honourable James Grenville, one of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council.

6. His Excellency Henry Grenville, Ambassador to the Ottoman Porte. 7. The

7. The Honourable Thomas Grenville, who was killed in the Defence of his Country, on board the Defance, of which Ship he was Captain.

8. The Right Honourable Lady Chatham.

#### The Gallery,

74 Feet by 25 Feet, and 20 Feet high,

Is a magnificent Apartment, hung with three fine Pieces of Tapeftry, as follows:

1. A Dutch Fishery, from Teniers.

2. A Dutch Wake, from Teniers.

A beautiful Representation of a Farm.
 Furnished with Gobelin Tapestry Chairs.

Two Chimnies, with a Picture of Roman Ruins over each, by Panini.

Four Doors with a rural Picture over each, viz.

1. Hay-making.

Sheep-shearing.
 Plowing.

4. Reaping.

A rich Cabinet at each End, containing Books. Ten Marble Busts of Roman Emperors.

#### A Dreffing-Room,

Hung with Yellow Silk Damask trimmed with Silver; with the following Paintings:

Joan of Arc, over the Chimney.
A Portrait of Sir Thomas Temple.
Ditto of Lady Hester Temple.

#### A Bedchamber,

Hung and ornamented as above, with a Bed and Chairs of the same.

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The Paintings are,

The Representation of the Holy Lamb.

A Flower-Piece.

Two Landschapes, one over each Door.

#### A Dreffing-Room,

Hung with green Damask, trimm'd with Gold.

The Paintings are,

A Picture over the Chimney, by Rembrandt.

Two Saints, a St. Laurence and St. Stephen, one over each Door.

On one Side Orodes ordering melted Gold to be poured into the Mouth of Crassus.

On the other, two Pieces of Ruins, and a Land-schape, with dancing Satyrs, by Paul Brill.

The Rape of Holen, by Thefeus.

The Return of Chryseis to her Father, both by Primaticio.

#### A Bedchamber,

With a green Damask Bed, Hangings and Chairs, trimm'd with Gold.

The Paintings are,

1. An original Portrait of Oliver Cromwell.

2. A Silenus.

3. A Portrait of Colonel Stanyan.

#### A Dreffing-Room,

The Paintings are,

A Portrait of Rubens's Wife over one Door, by Rubens.

Over the other, a Knight of the Bath, by Vandyke. Cymon and Ipbigenia.
Sampson and Dalila.

Four Landschapes.

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#### The State Apartment.

#### I. The State Gallery,

70 Feet 9 Inches, by 25 Feet,—and 22 Feet high, Two Marble Chimney Pieces of Sienna, &c. by Mr. Lovel.

The Cieling finely ornamented with Paintings and

Gilding, by Sclater.

Two fine Marble Tables, with two large Pier-Glasses.

The Walls are adorned with curious Pieces of Tapestry, viz.

1. The Triumph of Ceres.
2. The Triumph of Bacchus.

3. The Triumph of Venus.

The Triumph of Mars.
 The Triumph of Diana.

The Piers adorned with Trophies.

Two Chimnies, the upper Part of which are adorned with Gilding and Carving.

1. A Goddess conducting Learning to Truth.

 Representing Mercury conducting tragic and comic Poetry to the Hill of Parnassus.

Four Emblematical Paintings in Clare-Obscure. The Chairs, Settees and Window-Curtains of blue Damask.

#### II. The State Dreffing-Room,

24 Feet 8 Inches, by 30 Feet—and 19 Feet 4 Inches high,

Hung with blue Damask, Chairs and Window Curtains of the same.

The Doors and Cieling are finely ornamented with Carving and Gilding.

The Chimney-Piece, by Mr. Lovel.

The

The Paintings are,

A fine Portrait of the late Lord Cobbam, by Sir Godfrey Kneller.

Four Conversation Pieces, by Francisco Cippo. Venus binding the Eyes of a Cupid, and the Graces offering Tribute.

A Marble Table, with a fine Pier-Glass.

Two whole Lengths, by Vandyke.

III. The State Bedchamber.

50 Feet 8 Inches, by 25 Feet 10 Inches—and 18 Feet 8 Inches high.

The Bed and Cieling by Signor Borra—The Chairs and Hangings of Crimfon Damask.—Pillars of the Corintbian Order, the whole finely carved and gilt.

A Madona from the School of Rubens.

A large Glass over the Chimney.

A very curious Chimney-Piece of white Marble, defigned by Signor Borra, and executed by Mr. Lovel.

Two Cupids, with Branches for Candles in their Hands, by Mr. Lovel.

Two Marble Tables.

Two fine large Pier-Glasses.

The Cieling ornamented with the Infignia of the Garter.

IV. The State Closet,

Hung with Crimfon Damask, finely ornamented with Carving and Gilding.—Out of which you go into a Colonade, where you have a beautiful View of the Gardens and Country.

A Passage,

Ornamented with Marble Bufts.

A Grand Stair-Case, Adorned with Paintings of the Four Seasons.

The Cieling represents the Rising Sun, by Phabus in his Carr.

The whole Length of the House, including the Offices, is 900 Feet.

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## DESCRIPTION

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## GARDENS

A T the South Entrance of the Gardens are two Pavilions Supported by Doric Pillars:
The Inside of each is adorned with Paintings by Mr. Nollikins. The Stories taken from

Pastor Fido.

The disconsolate Nymph there, poor Dorinda, had long been in Love with Sylvio, a wild Hunter of barbarous Manners, in whose Breast she had no Reason to believe she had raised an answering Passion. As she was roving in the Woods, she accidently met his Dog, and faw her beloved Hunter himself at a Diftance hallooing, and running after it. She immediately calls the Hound to her, and hides it amongst the Bushes. Sylvio comes up to her, and enquires very eagerly after the Dog: The poor Nymph puts him off, and tries all her Art to inspire him with Love, but to no Purpose; the cold Youth was quite infenfible, and his Thoughts could admit no other Object but his Dog. Almost dispairing, she at length hopes to bribe his Affections, and lets him know the has his Dog, which the will return, if he will promife to love her, and give her a Kifs: Sylvio

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The Temple dedicated to Penus.



In Egyptian Pyramid. The Fune of Diana.

is overjoyed at the Propofal, and promifes to give her ten thousand Kisses. Dorinda upon this brings the Dog: But alas! fee there the Success of all her Pains. The Youth transported at the Sight of his Dog, throws his Arms round its Neck, and lavishes upon it those Kisses and Endearments, in the very Sight of the poor afflicted Lady, which she had been flattering herfelf would have fallen to her Share.

On the other Wall, Difdain and Love have taken different Sides; the Youth is warm, and the Nymph is coy: Poor Myrtillo had long loved Amaryllis; the Lady was engaged to another, and rejected his Passion. Gladly would be only have spoke his Grief. but the cruel fair One absolutely forbid him her Presence. At length a Scheme was laid by Corisca. the young Lover's Confidant, which was to gain him Admission into his dear Amaryllis's Company. The Lady is enticed into the Fields with fome of Corifca's Companions, (who were let into the Plot) to play at Blindman's-Buff, where Myrtillo was to furprize her; where he stands hesitating what Use to make of fo favourable an Opportunity which Love has put into his Hands .- See Pastor Fido, Act II. Scene 2. and Act III. Scene 2.

Here you have a magnificent View, very striking at first Entrance, the two Rivers on the Right-hand meeting in one Stream, run into a Kind of Bay, which was formerly an Octagon, and in the Centre flood an Obelifk, now removed into the Park. beautiful Disposition of Trees and Buildings at a Distance, gives us a Kind of Earnest of what our Expectation is raifed to.

Turning to the Left Hand you descend to,

#### An Artificial Piece of Ruins.

Covered with Evergreens, and adorned with the Statues of Fauns, Satyrs, and River Gods; a beautiful Cascade of three Sheets of Water falls from the River above into a large Lake of ten Acres, where floats a Model of a Man of War with all her Rigging.

The Hermitage: Defigned by Mr. Kent, is feated in a rifing Wood, on the Banks of the Lake.

The Temple dedicated to VENUS,
With this Inscription,

VENERI HORTENSI.

It is a fquare Building, with Colonade Wings, defigned by Mr. Kent; the Infide adorned with Paintings by Mr. Sleter, taken from Spenser's Fairy Queen. -The Lady is the fair Hellinore, who having left a disagreeable Husband, and wandering in the Woods. was met by the polite Set of Gentry she is dancing with: She likes their Manner of Life, and refolves to enjoy it with them. Her old Spouse Malbacco is inconfolable for his Lofs; he wanders many Days in Search of her, and at length finds her (you fee him at a Distance peeping from behind a Tree) revelling with a beaftly Herd of Satyrs. When the Evening comes on, he follows the Company to their Retirement, takes a commodious Stand, and to his great Torment fees every Thing that paffes among them. After they were all laid affeep, he creeps gently to his Lady, and you fee him in the other Painting offering to be reconciled to her again, if the will return back with him. But Hellinore threatens to wake the Satyrs, and get him feverely handled if he does not immediately leave her. Upon which the poor useless old Man is obliged to fly, and foon after runs distracted .- See Book III. of the Fairy Queen, Canto 10. The Roof . is adorned with a naked Venus; and the smaller Compartments

partments with a Variety of Intrigues. Upon the Frize is the following Motto from Catullus:

Nunc amet qui nondum amavit; Quique amavit, nunc amet.

Let him love now, who never lov'd before: Let him, who always lov'd, now love the more.

The Fane of DIANA, with 4 Terms and Buftos.

### A Statue of VENUS.

Two Pavilions.

One of them is made use of as a Dwelling-House; the other stands in the Garden; the Space between forms a grand Gate-way, designed by Kent, which is the Entrance into the Park.—From hence there is a noble View of a Bridge, with a fine Serpentine River, and a Road at present, terminated by two Lodges, which are a grand Approach to the Park and House.

An Egyptian Pyramid,

is fixty Feet high. On the Outfide is this Infcription:

Inter plurima bortorum borum edificia a Johanne Vanbrugh, equite, designata, banc pyramidem illius memoria sacram voluit Cobham.

To the Memory of Sir John Vanbrugh, by whom feveral of the Buildings in these Gardens were designed, Lord Cobbam hath erected this Pyramid.

And in the Infide,

Lusssii fatis, edisti satis, atque bibisti, Tempus abire tibi est ; ne potum largius æquo Rideat & pulset lasciya decentius ætas.

HORAT.

With Pleasure surfeited, advanc'd in Age, Man-like retire from Life's fantastic Stage: Lest Youth the great Indecency contemn, And his thee from a Scene design'd for them.

> A fmall Obelifk, with this Infcription, To the Memory of ROBIN COUCHER.

> > St. AUGUSTINE'S Cave.

is a Cell formed of Moss and Roots of Trees interwoven; this is situated in a retired Thicket, and very artfully contrived, in the same Manner as Shades in a Picture, or Pauses in Music.

In this Cave is a Straw Couch, a wooden Chair, three Windows or Holes, over which are three In-

scriptions in Monkish Latin Verse.

On the Right-hand, Sanctus Pater Augustinus, (Prout aliquis divinus Narrat) contra sensualem Actum Veneris lethalem (Audiat clericus) ex nivi Similem puellam vivæ Arte mira conformabat, Qua cum bonus vir cubabat Quod si fas est in errorem Tantum cadere doctorem: Quæri potest; an carnalis Mulier, potius quam nivalis, Non fit apta ad domandum, Subigendum, debellandum Carnis tumidum furorem, Et importunem ardorem? Nam ignis igni pellitur, Vetus ut verbum loquitur. Sed, inuptus bac in lite Appellabo te, marite.

Saint



B. Seeley delin .



Saint Augustine, holy Father, (As from some Divines we gather) Against the Sin of leud Embrace, And Act venereal, his Grace To fortify (Divines, give Ear, The pious Precedent revere) With wond'rous'Art a Girl of Snow Did make, the Life resembling so, That th'one from t'other scarce you'd know. This done, the good Man Side by Side Lay down t'enjoy his new form'd Bride. But if a learned Doctor can Fall, as might any other Man, It may be ask'd, with Reason good, Whether a Girl of Flesh and Blood, More certain far than one of Snow, Would not controul, subdue, o'erthrow, The fwelling, rebel Flesh below; Of Paffion cool the Rage and boiling, And hinder Nature from recoiling? For Fire and Fire, two mortal Foes, Expel themselves, the Proverb goes. But I, unmarried, for Decree, O married Man, appeal to thee.

On the Left,

Apparuit mibi, nuper in somnio cum nudis & antelantibus molliter Papillis & bianti suaviter vultu—Ebeu! benedicite!

Cur gaudes, Satana muliebrem fumére formam Non facies voti cafti me rampere normam. Heus fugite in cellem; pulebram vitate puellam; Nam radix mortis fuit olim femina in bortis. Vis fieri fortis? Noli concumbere feortis. In fansham Originem Eunuchum.

Filius Ecclesæ Origines fortaffe probetur : Esse patrem nunquam se sine teste probet. Virtus diaboli est in lumbis,

Satan

Satan, why, deck'd in female Charms, Doft thou attack my Heart? My Vow is Proof againft thy Arms, 'Gainft all thy Wiles and Art. Ah! Hermits, flee into your Cells, Nor Beauty's Poifon feed on, —The Root of Death (as Story tells) Was Woman firft in Eden.

Would'st thou thyself a dauntless Hero prove, Detest th' Enjoyments vile of lawless Love. That Origin's true Son of Church, agreed But could not for a Father be decreed. In what we call the Loins, they say, The Devil bears the greatest Sway.

#### Fronting the Door.

Mente pie elatâ, peragro dum dulcia prata, Dormiit absque dolo pulchya puella solo; Multa oftendebat, dum semisupina jacebat, Pulchrum os, divinum pellus, aperta finum. Ut vidi mammas, concepi extempore flammas, Et dicturus ave dico, Maria, cave : Nam magno totus violentur turbine motus Pane illam invado, pome & in ora cado. Illa sed baud lente surgit, currique repente, Currit &, invito me, fugit illa cità, Fugit causa mali tomen effettus santanali, Internoque meum cor verat igne reum; O inferne canis, cur quotidie est tibi panis, Per visus miros sollicitare viros? Cur monachos velles fieri tam carne rebelles, Nec castæ legi turbida membra regi? Jam tibi jam bellum dico, jam trifte flagellum Esuriemque paro, queis subigenda caro. Quin abscindatur, ne pars sincera trabatur, Radix, qua folus nascitur usque dolus.

As loft in Thought, and Contemplation deep, I wander o'er the verdant Meads-in Sleep; Sleep undefigning, lo! repos'd a Maid, Fresh as the Verdure of her graffy Bed, Reclin'd in Posture half supine she lay, A World of Beauties did her Form display: Her Face, her Neck divine, her Bosom too, With all their Charms were open to my View. Her heaving Globes no fooner struck my Eye, But strait the Flames thro' all my Vitals fly. I would have faid my Ave-Mary-Pray'r, But, stead of that, I cry out, Maid beware. For in the Whirlwind of strong Passion tost, And Reason in the vi'lent Transport lost I almost seize the fair, inviting Prey, And to her Lips impatient urge my Way; She sudden starts, and with a rapid Flight, Shoots from my Touch, and leaves my ravish'd Sight. The Cause of Evil's fled-th' Effect remains, And still too furious revels in my Veins: Has kindled an infernal, fatal Flame, Which inward burns thro' all my guilty Frame. Why is't thy daily Food, O hellish Cur ! Man up to Vice by wond'rous Sights to fpur? Why is't thy Pleasure, Monks should thus rebel, Their fleshly Members 'gainst their Laws should swell? 'Gainst thee I now eternal War declare, The Lash severe, and Hunger I prepare; With these to mortify my carnal Lust, To these my Virtue, Chastity to trust, But left the Part that's whole, should be infected, That Modesty may better be protected, Best, once for all, to cut away the Root, . From which alone our guilty Passions shoot.

The Temple of BACCHUS
is a fluccold Building; the Infide adormed with the
Revels of Bacchus, painted by Nollikini Building
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Building

Building commands great Part of the Gardens, and a beautiful Prospect over the Country.

#### NELSON'S Seat

is an airy Building to the North west of the House, from whence there is an open Prospect; and in it are the following Inscriptions, describing the Paintings,

On the Right Hand,

Ultra Euphratem & Tigrim
usque ad occanum propagata ditione
Orbis terratum imperium Roma adsignat optimus princeps,
cui super advolat Vistoria

laurigerum sertum binc inde utraque manu extendens sitonishus Pietate & Alundantia

comitantibus Pietate & Abundantia. In arcu Constantini.

Having extended his Power beyond the Euphrates and Tygris, as far as the Ocean,

this most potent Prince affigns the Empire of the World to Rome; over whom Victory flies, waving a Laurel Crown,

accompanied with Piety and Plenty.

Upon Constantine's Arch.

On the Left.

Post obitum L. Veri, in imperio cum Marco consortis, Roma

integram orbis terrarum potestatem ei & in eo contulit.

In Capitolia.

After the Death of Lucius Verus, Partner in the Empire with Marcus, Rome

conferred on him the Empire of the World.

In the Capitol.

Opposite



Dido's Cave .



The Rotunda .



King George 2 d



Queen Caroline.

Opposite the North Front of the House, at the Head of the Canal, is the Equestrian Statue of King George 1. in Armour with this Inscription:

In medio miki Cæsar erit,

Et viridi in campo signum de marmore ponam

CoBHAM.

. 6 Full in the Centre, on the verdant Grass.

To this Front there is a Wall ornamented with Niches, and two Gateways into the Courts, by Kens, two Gateways into the Gardens, by Leoni.

Opposite the South Front is a grand Parterre, where you have a distant View of many beautiful Objects in the Garden, and a fine Prospect over the Country.

The Statue of his late Majesty, erected on a Corintbian Pillar, with this Inscription:

GEORGIO AUGUSTO.
DIDO'S Cave,

with this Infcription:

Repairing to the same dark Cave are seen, The Trojan Hero and the Tyrian Queen.

The Rotundo

is raised upon Ionic Pillars, and is ornamented with a Statue of the Venus of Medicis.—The Building by Sir John Vanburgh, altered by Borra.

The late Queen's Statue

is erected on four Ionic Columns, in a green Amphitheatre, laid out in the rural Way.—On the Pedestal is this Inscription:

Honori, Laudi, Virtuti Divæ Carolinæ.

To the Honour, Praife, and Virtue of the Divine

Caroline.

And round her Statues of Numphs and Swains.
From

From hence you come into the great Avenue, where, on the Right Hand, you have the Prospect of the Entrance to the Gardens (mentioned before); and, on the Left, the Mansion House.

#### The Witch House

is a small Building of Brick, on the inside Walls are painted in Fresco the Midnight Merriment of Hags, by a Servant of the late Lord's, wherein also is the following Inscription.

To the Memory

SIGNIOR FIDO. an Italian of good Extraction; who came into England, not to bite us, like most of his Countrymen, but to gain an honest Livelihood.

He hunted not after Fame,

vet acquired it: regardless of the Praise of his Friends. but most sensible of their Love." Tho' he liv'd amongst the Great, he neither learn'd nor flatter'd any Vice.

He was no Bigot, Tho' he doubted of none of the 39 Articles. And, if to follow Nature, and to respect the Laws of Society,

be Philosophy, he was a perfect Philosopher;

a faithful Friend, an agreeable Companion, a loving Husband.

diftinguish'd by a numerous Offspring, all which he lived to fee take good Courfes. In his old Age he retir'd

to the House of a Clergyman in the Country, where he finish'd his earthly Race,

And died an Honour and an Example to the whole Species. Reader. Reader,

This Stone is guiltless of Flattery, for he to whom it is inscrib'd was not a Man.

but a Grey-hound.

Near this Place, at the Entrance into the Elyfian Fields, are the Statues of

APPOLLO and the Nine Muses round the Spring of Helicon.

At a Seat close by the Statue of Apollo is a beautiful View. A RUIN.

The Temple of Antient Virtue, in a very flourishing Condition; the Building is a Rotundo of the Ionic Order by Mr. Kent; on the Outfide. over each Door, is this Motto:

> Prisce Virtuti. To Antient Virtue.

And in four Niches within, standing at full Length. are the Statues of Lycurgus, Socrates, Homer, and Epaminondas: Under which are the following Infcriptions:

Under Lycurgus.

Qui summo cum confilio inventis legibus, Omnemque contra corruptelam munitis optime. Pater Patriæ

Libertatem firmisfimam Et mores fanctissimos,

Expulsa cum divitiis avaritia, luxuria, libidine, In multa secula Civibus suis instituit.

Having planned, with confummate Wifdom, a System of Laws firmly secured against every Incroachment ment of Corruption, and having by the Expulsion of Riches, banished Luxury, Avarice, and Intemperance, he established in the State for many Ages, perfect Liberty and inviolable Purity of Manners—The Father of his Country.

Under SOCRATES.

Qui corruptissima in civitate innocens, Bonorum bortator, unici cultor D.E.I. Ab inutili otto, & vanis disputationibus, Ad officia vitae, & societatis commoda Philosophiam avocatis, Hominum sapientavist,

Innocent in the midft of a most corrupted People, the Encourager of the Good, a Worshipper of the one God: Who recalled Philosophy from useless Speculations, and vain Disputes to the Duties of Life and the Benefit of Society.—The wisest of Men!

#### Under HOMER.

Qui poetarum princeps, idem & maximus, Virtutis præco, & immortalitatis largitor, Divino carmine

Ad pulchre audendum, & patiendum fortiter, Omnibus notus gentibus, omnes incitat.

The first and the greatest of Poets The Herald of Virtue The Giver of Immortality; who by his divine Genius, known to all Nations, incites all, nobly to dare, and to suffer firmly.

#### Under EPAMINONDAS.

Cujus a virtute, prudentia, verecundia, Thehanorum respublica Libertatem simul & imperium, Disciplinam bellicam, civilem & domesticam Accepit;

Eoque amisso, perdidit.





the Gate-way by Kent .



The Witch House .



The Temple of Modern Virtue.



The Semple of Intient Virtue.



The Shell Bridge .

By whose Valour, Prudence, Modesty, the *Theban* Commonwealth gained Liberty and Empire, Miliary Discipline, Civil and domestic Policy, all which, by losing him, she lost.

Over one Door,

Charum esse civeni, bene de republica mereri, laudari, coli, diligi, gloriosum est: metui vero, & in odio esse in-vidiosum, detestabile, impecillum, caducum.

To be dear to our Country, to deferve well of the Public, to be honoured, reverenced, loved, is glorious; but to be dreaded and hated is odious, deteftable, weak, ruinous.

#### Over the other.

Justitiam cole & pietatem, quæ cum sit magna in parentibus & propinquis, tum in patria maxima est. Ea vita via est in cælum, & in bunc cætum eorum qui jam vixerunt.

Cultivate Juftice and Benevolence, which in an eminent Manner is due to Relations and to Friends, but in the highest Degree, to our Country; this Path leads to the Mansions of the Blessed, and to the Affembly of those who are now no more.

From the Doors of this Temple, and from the Perifylium the Views are charming: From one Door you fee the Caflle, being a Farm House standing at the End of a Line in the Park three Miles long: From the other Door you see the Temple of British Worthies, and the Palladian Bridge at a Distance; as also

Captain Grenville's Monument, being a naval Column erected by the late Lord Cobbam in Honour of Captain Grenville, upon the Top of which heroic Poetry, fupposed to light, holds in her Hand a Scroll with "

Non Nisi Grandia Canto.

Heroic Deeds alone my Theme.

Upon

Upon the Plinth and on the Pedestal are the following Inscriptions: DIGNYM LAYDE VIRVM MYSA VETAT MORIA The Muse sorbids Heroic Worth to die.

Sororis suæ Filio,

THOMÆ GRENVILLE,

Qui navis præsecus regiæ,

Ducente classem Britannicam Georgio Anson,

Dum contra Gallos fortissime pugnaret,

Dilaceratæ navis ingenti fragmine

Femore graviter percusso,

Perire, dixit moribundus, omnino satius esse,

Quam inertize reum in judicio fifti ;

Columnam hanc roftratam

Laudans & mœrens posuit Cobham.

Infigne virtutis, eheu! rariffimæ Exemplum habes; Ex quo difcas

Quid virum præfectura militari ornatum Deceat

M.DCC.XLVII.

To his Nephew

THOMAS GRENVILLE,

Captain of a Ship of War, In the British Fleet

Commanded by Admiral Anfon In an Engagement with the French, Being wounded mortally in the Thigh, By a Fragment of his shattered Ship, Expiring said

"How much better it is thus to die
"Than to be tried for Cowardice
"Before a Court Martial



The Temple of British Horthies.



A Gaterray by Leonie.

The Cold Bath ?

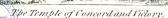


The Grotto .











Capt. Grenville's Monument.



The Lady's Temple.



TheKeeper's Lodge in the Park.

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### This Naval Column

was erected

By Richard Vifcount Cobham;

As a Monument of his Applause and Grief.

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From this animating Example
Learn

When honoured with Command, To think, and act, as becomes

#### An Officer.

Here you cross the Serpentine River, which brings you into the Elysian Fields.

The Shell-Bridge, by Kent.

The Temple of British Worthies, by Kent, a Building cut into Niches, wherein are placed the following Bustos.

Mr. Popr,

without any Inscription.

Sir Thomas Gresham,

who, by the honourable Profession of a Merchant, having enriched himself and his Country, for carrying on the Commerce of the World, built the Royal Exchange.

IGNATIUS JONES,

who, to adorn his Country, introduc'd and rivall'd the Greek and Roman Architecture.

#### JOHN MILTON,

whose sublime and unbounded Genius equall'd a Subject that carried him beyond the Limits of the World.

#### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

whose excellent Genius open'd to him the whole Heart of Man, all the Mines of Fancy, all the Stores D 2 of Nature; and gave him Power, beyond all other Writers, to move, aftonifh, and delight Mankind.

### Јони Lоске,

who, best of all Philosophers, understood the Powers of the human Mind, the Nature, End, and Bounds of Civil Government; and with equal Courage and Sagacity, resuted the slavish Systems of usurped Authority over the Rights, the Consciences, or the Reafon of Mankind.

#### Sir Isaac Newton,

whom the God of Nature made to comprehend his Works; and from fimple Principles, to difcover the Laws never known before, and to explain the Appearance, never understood, of this stupendous Universe.

### Sir FRANCIS BACON Lord VERULAM,

who, by the Strength and Light of a fuperior Genius, rejecting vain Speculation and fallacious Theory, taught to purfue Truth, and improve Philosophy by the certain Method of Experiment.

In the Niche of a Pyramid is placed a Mercury, with these Words subscribed:

- Campos ducit ad Elyfios.
- ---- Leads to the Elyfian Fields.

And below this Figure is fixed a Square of black Marble with the following Lines:

Hic manus ob patriam pugnando vulnera passi, Quique pii vates, & Phabo digna locuti, Inventas aut qui vitam excoluere per artes, Quique sui memores alios secere merendo.

Here

Here are the Bands, who for their Country bled, And Bards, whose pure and sacred Verse is read: Those who, by Arts invented, Life improv'd, And, by their Merits, made their Mem'ries lov'd.

## King ALFRED,

the mildest, justest, most beneficent of Kings; who drove out the Danes, secured the Seas, protected Learning, established Juries, crushed Corruption, guarded Liberty, and was the Founder of the English Constitution.

### EDWARD Prince of WALES,

the Terror of Europe, the Delight of England; who preserved, unaltered in the Height of Glory and Fortune, his natural Gentleness and Modesty.

#### Queen ELIZABETH,

who confounded the Projects, and deftroyed the Power that threatened to oppress the Liberties of Europe shook off the Yoke of Ecclesiatical Tyranny; restored Religion from the Corruptions of Popery; and by a wife, a moderate, and a popular Government, gave Wealth, Security, and Respect to England.

### King WILLIAM III.

who, by his Virtue and Constancy, having saved his Country from a foreign Master, by a bold and generous Enterprize, preserved the Liberty and Religion of Great-Britain.

#### Sir WALTER RALEIGH,

a valiant Soldier, and an able Statesman; who endeavouring to rouze the Spirit of his Master, for the Honour of his Country, against the Ambition of Spain, fell a Sacrifice to the Influence of that Court, whose whose Arms he had vanquished, and whose Designs, he opposed.

# Sir FRANCIS DRAKE,

who, through many Perils, was the first of Britons that adventured to fail round the Globe; and carried into unknown Seas and Nations, the Knowledge and Glory of the English Name.

# JOHN HAMPDEN,

who, with great Spirit and confummate Abilities, begun a noble Oppofition to an arbitrary Court, in Defence of the Liberties of his Country; supported them in Parliament, and died for them in the Field.

Sir John Barnard, without any Infcription.

The Cold Bath.

## The Grotto

stands at the Head of the Serpentine River, and on each Side a Pavilion, the one ornamented with Shells, the other with Pebbles and Flints broke to Pieces. The Grotto is furnished with a great Number of Looking-glaffes both on the Walls and Cicling, all in Frames of Plaister-work, set with Shells and Flints.——A Marble Statue of Venus, on a Pedestal stuck with the same.

The Temple of Concord and Victory,

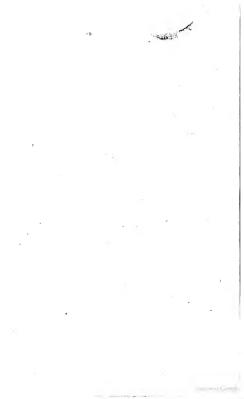
is a large beautiful Building of the *Ionic* Order in the antique Tafte, and one of the principal Ornaments in the Garden.—It has fix Statues on the Top as big as Life, and the front Pediment is adorned with a Piece of Alt-Relief, by Mr. Schemaker, reprefering the four



The Gastle



In Obelisk to the Memory of General Holfe .



four Quarters of the World bringing their various Products to Britannia.—In the Frize of the Portico is this Inscription,

Concordia & Victoria.
To Concord and Victory.

In the Anti-Temple there are two Medallions deferibing

Concordia Faderatorum: Concordia Civium:

Concord of the Allies: National Concord:

Over the Door this Inscription from Valerius Maximus:

Quo Tempore Salus eorum in ultimus Angustias dedusta nullum Ambitioni Locum relinquebat.

The Times with fuch alarming Dangers fraught, Left not a Hope for any factious Thought.

In a Niche in the Temple is to be placed the Statue of Libertas Publica, Public Liberty; over which in a Tablet from the same Author,

Candidis autem Animis Voluptatem præbuerint in confpicuo posita quæ cuique magnifica merito contigerunt,

A fweet Senfation touches every Breaft Of Candour's gen'rous Sentiment poffeft, When publick Services with Honour due, Are gratefully mark'd out to publick View.

On the Walls are fourteen Medallions to represent the taking of Quebec, Martinio, &c. Louisbourg, Guadeloupe, &c. Montreal, Pondicherry, &c. naval Victory off Belleisle, naval Victory off Lages, Crevelt and Minden, Felingbausen, Goree and Senegal, Crevent Point, Point, Niagara and Fort du Quesne, Havannab and Manilla, Beau Sejour, Cherburgh and Belleisle—executed from several of the Medals.

There are two Marble Groupes, one of

Vertumnus and Pomona, by Delvot.

The other Venus and Adonis, by Scheemaker.

Here is a large and delightful Vale adorned with Statues of various Kinds, intermixed with Clumps of Trees beautifully disposed.

From this Portico you fee in a Diagonal Line, an Obelisk in the Park above an hundred Feet high, in-

scribed to Major General Wolfe.

Ostendunt Terris bunc tantum Fata-

The Fates but shew him to the World.

#### 1759.

This Obelifk fixands upon a Hill in the Approach from Northamptonfhire, which is very magnificent: At the Entrance there are two Lodges, from whence a very broad and long Line conducting you through Woods, is terminated by the Temple of Concord and Victory.—In the other Diagonal Line from the Temple stands

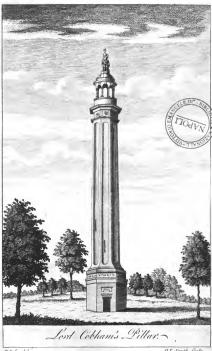
# A lofty fluted Column

erected to the Memory of the late Lord Vis. Cobbam.

Round the Base of the Column is written

Ut L. Luculli summi Viri Virtutem quis? At quam multi Villarum Magnificentiam imitati sunt?

As in the Instance of L. Lucullus, a truly great
Man! who hath imitated his Virtues? But how many
his



B Seeler delin .

GL Smith foulp.





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The Gothic Temple



The Palladian Bridge,

B Seeley delin

G.L. Smith foulp

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his Example, in magnificently adorning their Country-Seats?

On the Pedestal are the following Inscriptions:

On one Side,

To preferve the Memory of her Husband,

Anne Viscountess Cobbam

Caused this Pillar to be erected

In the Year 1747.

On the opposite Side,

Quatenus nobis denegatur diu vivere, relinquamus aliquid, quo nos vixisse testemur.

Inasmuch as the Portion of Life allotted to us is short, let us leave something behind us, to shew that we have lived.

### The Lady's Temple

is built upon Groin Arches, with Venetian Windows; a neat Stair-cafe leads you up to a Hall, the Walls of which are adorned with the following Paintings by Mr. Sleter.

On the Right-hand are Ladies employing themfelves in Needle and Shell-work.—On the opposite Side, are Ladies diverting themselves with Painting and Music.

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The



### The Gothic Temple

is a large Building of red Stone 70 Feet high, upon a rising Ground, adorned in the Gothic Way with carved Work, and painted Glass. The Disposition within is very beautiful. You enter a Dome; round which, on the fecond Story, is a Gallery: The third affords a very extensive View round the Country.

The Hill round the Temple, is adorned with very good Statues of the feven Saxon Deities, who gave Names to the Days of the Week .- The Manfion House, and Grecian Temple, have a beautiful Effect from the Place.

### The Palladian Bridge,

The Roof of which is supported by Ionic Pillars. From hence you pass into the great Terras-walk, which is 3000 Feet long.

### The Temple of Friendship

is a large Structure of the Doric Order. On the Outfide is this Motto:

—Sacred to Friendship. The Infide is furnished with the Bufts of the late Lord and his Friends, viz. Frederic Prince of Wales; the Earls of Chefterfield, Westmoreland, and Marchmont; the Lords, Cobbam, Gower, and Bathurft; the present Earl Richard Grenville, William Pitt and George

Littleton, Efgrs; now Lord Littleton. The Roof is painted emblematically, and orna-

mented in a very gay Manner.

Amicitiæ S.

#### The Pebble Alcove

is a little Grot neatly adorned with Pebbles; his Lordthip's Arms are curioufly wrought upon the Back Wal with the same Materials.

Con-



The Temple of Friendship.



AN
Equestrian Statue of
George I
in the Park.



The Pebble Alcove.



Congreve's Monument

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CONGREVE'S Monument, by Kent.

The Embellishments round it are defigned to express the Poet's Genius in the Dramatic Way; upon the Top fits a Monkey viewing himfelf in a Mirror, with this Infcription :

> Vitæ imitatio, Consuetudinis speculum. Comædia.

Comedy is the Imitation of Life, and the Mirror of Fashion.

The Poet's Effigies lies in a careless Posture on one Side, and on the other is placed this Epitaph:

Ingenio Acri, faceto, expolita, Moribufque Urbanis, candidis, facillimis,

GULIELMI CONGREVE. Hoc Qualecunque desiderii sui

Solamen simul ac Monumentum Poluit COBHAM. 1736.

To the sprightly, entertaining, elegant Wit

and the polifhed, candid, eafy Manners

Of WILLIAM CONGREVE.

This

in fome fort a Confolation: and a Memorial of his affectionate Regret was erected by

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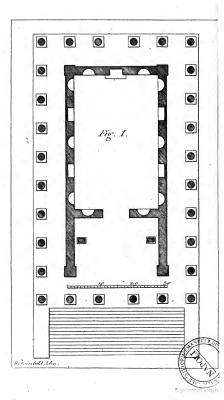
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Fig. 1. The Temple of Concord and Victory.

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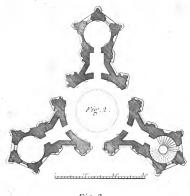
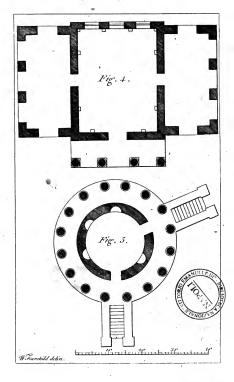


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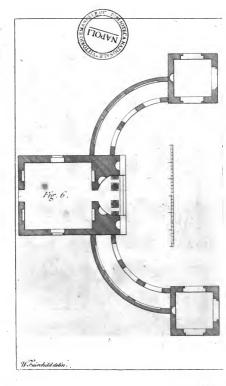


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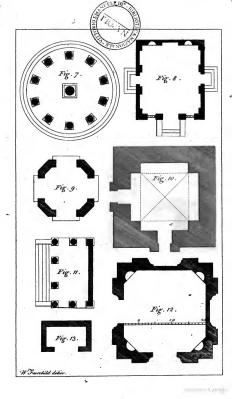




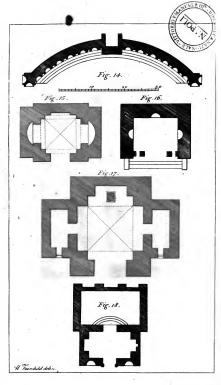


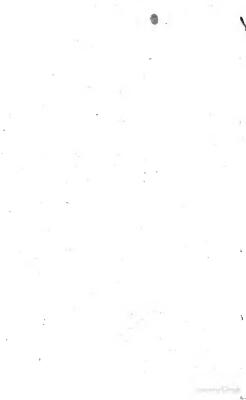


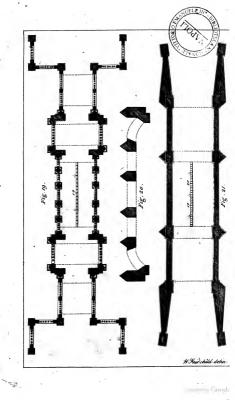




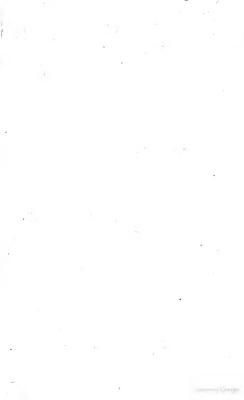
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